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CHARITON COURIER.

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KEYTESVILLE, - MISSOURI

St. Patrick's day this morning.

Best Michigan salt for sale by Kubo.

"For good things to eat" call on Kubo.

For the best timothy seed call on Kubo.

Agee Bros. are the leaders in groceries.

You get your money's worth in groceries at Kubo's.

"Here's a snap for you."—Kubo's special leader coffee.

For first-class clover seed go to B. C. Smutz, Mendon, Mo.

Shooting at ducks is now the pastime of our local nimrods.

When you want first-class job work, come to the COURIER office.

Everything the market affords in the way of produce at Agee Bros.

Sheriff J. R. Dempsey is having a painful siege with stomach trouble.

No, indeed, the best man at a wedding is not the one who gets married.

Go to Agee Bros. for the best canned goods, pickles, spices, candies, etc.

A full line of staple and fancy groceries at BED-ROCK prices at Agee Bros.

The Brunswick News has entered upon the 24th year of its journalistic career.

The Summer Star has changed its publication day from Saturday to Thursday.

John B. Stockton has been nominated by the Republicans for mayor of Carrollton.

For the best teas, coffees, spices, extracts, pickles, candies and cigars, call on Kubo.

Mrs. Ed. C. Thomas of Rocheport, Mo., is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. J. Ward, of this city.

A Clinton man, who is nearly 100 years old, is still spry. He can't help it. That is his name.

Miss Etta Gardner is again manipulating the silent messengers of joy and trouble in the COURIER office.

Winter continues to linger in the lap of spring. The old reprobate ought to be ashamed of himself.

Carrollton has brought suit against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railway for delinquent city taxes.

We wonder if the sidewalks of Keytesville are related to the sidewalks of New York—or any other old place?

Think of it! "No schemes, no fakes," but honest guaranteed goods for honest money every time you buy of Kubo.

When she says they are engaged and he says they are not, it usually takes a breach of promise suit to decide the matter.

When a girl buys a love of a hat she is not satisfied until the man she loves best and the woman she hates most see it.

Arthur Gallemore, the handsome and capable foreman of the Salisbury Press-Spectator, accompanied by his 11-year-old brother, Romeo, of near Boonsboro, Howard county, spent Tuesday in Keytesville the guests of their brother, Dr. J. M. Gallemore.

The COURIER would be glad to hear from its county correspondents as regularly as possible. Regular correspondents are the kind that are most appreciated by our readers. Please make an effort to let us hear from you every week.

Col. John Blankenship of Carrollton, who was taken with small-pox at Sweet Springs, Saline county, a few weeks ago, is recovering nicely, although his face, in its scarred condition, is said to bear a remarkable resemblance to a war map.

If you are not reading the COURIER's county correspondence you are missing a treat in the way of interesting local news. No paper in Chariton county has a better corps of correspondents than the COURIER, and we are justly and truly proud of them.

Miss Fannie Nichols, who left Keytesville about a month ago for Phoenix, Ariz., accompanied by Mrs. Pearl McEuen of Shannondale, writes back to home folks that Mrs. McEuen's health has greatly improved and that she (Miss Fannie) is getting fat.

"Ye editor" spent last Saturday and Sunday in St. Louis visiting his much better half, who has been in the city for the past two weeks making her purchases of spring and summer millinery, and thoroughly posting herself in the art of trimming feminine headgear of the most fashionable styles.

Go to Jos. F. Hansman and call for his 1891 hand-made Bourbon. You will find it matured well, palatable and strictly pure.

Messrs. John Chivers and R. D. Vincent have closed up their deal for 1,600 acres of land about 30 miles from Houston, Tex., and are getting ready to shake the dust of Chariton county from their pedal extremities, preparatory to taking up their permanent residence in the Lone Star state.

Miss Lucile Brown, an attractive young lady of Macon, Mo., is in Keytesville taking off of the records in Recorder J. M. Mason's office at the court-house a list of deeds of trust for her father, Walter Brown, who is a prominent attorney and abstractor of land titles at Macon.

W. B. Clark, a pedagogue who was admitted to the bar to practice law a few months ago, and erstwhile Republican candidate for the legislature at the last election, has formed a law partnership with T. Marshall Rice of Salisbury. Mr. Clark has been teaching school at or near Hardin, Ray county, during the fall and winter.

While in Mendon recently we visited the drug store of M. E. Herndon, where we found a clean, neat stock of drugs, patent medicines, stationery, paints, cigars, tobacco, etc. We also found our old friend "Wat," as fat and jolly as ever. He says business is fairly good. Call in and see him when in Mendon.

Mrs. John Broadus, one of Salisbury's estimable ladies, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. James Allen, graced the COURIER sanctum with her presence yesterday afternoon. The ladies are visiting friends and relatives in and near Keytesville. Mrs. B. expects to start for Miles City, Mont., soon to make her home with her son, John.

J. J. Dowell of Mike writes the COURIER that our Mike scribe was mistaken last week in regard to his being connected with the erection of a building at that place to be occupied as a drug store. Mr. Dowell says that he had nothing whatever to do with buying the lot, had nothing to do with erecting the storeroom and had nothing to do with putting in the stock of drugs.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church of this city will conduct a "market" in the Signal building on Saturday, March 18th, from 11:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. At the "market" will be found useful and fancy work, the best eatables for Sunday dinner, and during the "market" lunches, consisting of meats, salads, coffee and ices will be served. Prices will be reasonable. The proceeds will be applied to the fund for repairing the Presbyterian church. Buy your dinner there that day.

A. G. (Good) Baker, a Salisbury boy who enlisted as a volunteer in the United States army at Decatur, Tex., last April, has been mustered out of service and has returned home. "Good" never got a chance to shoot a single Spaniard or a Filipino, as his soldier experiences were confined entirely to camp life in Texas and Louisiana.

The illness of Miss Eva Smutz, a bright pupil in the Brunswick public schools, and who is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Smutz of near Indian Grove, is not spinal meningitis as was at first supposed. We hope the young lady's malady will prove of no serious consequence and that she will soon be able to resume her school work.

Elbert Lamkin, who came down from the neighborhood of Bucklin, Linn county, recently to visit his brother, Z. T. Lamkin, our affable and efficient circuit clerk, likes Keytesville so well that he has concluded to accept the position of deputy circuit clerk. He will make a good one, and we are glad to have Elbert cast his lot with we'uns.

Dr. W. P. Rucker of Lewisburg, W. Va., father of Congressman W. W. Rucker of Keytesville, had one of his legs amputated just below the thigh last Thursday and has so far stood the shock produced by the use of the surgeon's knife much better than was anticipated. The operation was made necessary through the existence of rheumatic gout in the leg that was removed.

The two-story residence in Westville, owned by Wesley Ellis of Marcelline, but better known, perhaps, as the Morrow property, was destroyed by fire a few nights ago. The house was unoccupied at the time, although Mr. Ellis had secured a renter who expected to move in the day following the fire. The blaze is supposed to have been of incendiary origin. Being vacant the property was, of course, not insured.

Messrs. John Cox and Lee Eddings have purchased W. E. Temple's and L. E. Colson's drug and grocery store at Rockford, and will continue the business under the firm name of Cox & Eddings. We understand that it is the intention of Messrs. Temple & Colson to embark in the mercantile business about 50 miles this side of St. Louis. May good luck follow them, and may success attend the new firm of Cox & Eddings.

It begins to look as if the offices to be filled in Keytesville at the city election, Tuesday, April 4th, will go begging, as not a single candidate has yet announced in either the COURIER or the Signal. Better get a move on you, gentlemen, if you expect to be in the race. Walk right up to the captain's office and plank down your announcement fee—\$2.50. An office that is not worth the price of a local paper's announcement fee is not worth having.

County Treasurer John Knappenberger, who is much given to looking on the sunny side of life, has been having several good laughs at the expense of those this week whom he has been telling that the green-house at Carrollton had been placed under quarantine. "What for?" has been the query in nearly every instance, and Mr. Knappenberger's humorous reply has been: "Because the Roses have the small-pox." A family by the name of Rose have been stricken with that dread malady in Carrollton.

The North Chariton Times, the new paper published at Sumner, says that a few days ago John Phillips, who lives five miles east of Sumner on Jay Fulbright's farm, together with Fred Excene, had a very exciting chase after a large prairie wolf. The wolf came into the feed lot and Mr. Phillips set his pack of hounds after it, and they gave chase and very soon overtook it. The beast, however, was vicious and did not propose to be captured, so proceeded to clean up the whole pack and made his escape on Turkey creek. Mr. Phillips says he could easily have shot the wolf had it not been for his fear of killing the dogs.

Millinery Opening.

On April 1st I will open my new spring stock of millinery of the very latest styles.

MRS. W. F. McCULLOUGH,
Triplett, Mo.

Oliver McDonnell of near Hamden had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents by fire on the morning of the thirteenth inst., together with about 200 bushels of corn, a lot of hay, two sets of harness, a buggy and a calf. The origin of the fire is not known. No insurance.

S. G. McDowell, who shoves the editorial Faber on the Republican-Record and the Evening Record at Carrollton, has been nominated by the Republicans for aldermen of the First ward in that city. The Carrollton Democrat, however, regards Mr. McDowell's nomination as a great big joke.

Keytesville made double the amount of improvements in the way of new buildings than any other town in Chariton county in 1898, and she is going to do the same thing again this year. If our merchants would only do a little more advertising Keytesville's commerce could also be easily doubled in 1899 over what it was in 1898.

F. P. Lamb of near Mendon had the misfortune to lose one of his fine greyhounds, Thursday morning. He was driving some cattle from his field, which were trespassing, and in going through the gate one of the cows slipped and fell on the dog, killing him instantly. Mr. Lamb mourns the loss of his hound, as he has another of the same age, which is a complete match to the one that was killed.

F. P. Buffington, who lives two miles east of Keytesville, returned home from St. Joseph last Sunday morning, whither he had been to see his wife, who was adjudged insane at the February, 1899, term of county court and ordered conveyed to the insane asylum at St. Joseph for treatment. We are glad to learn, through her husband, that Mrs. Buffington has entirely recovered from her unbalanced mental condition and that she hopes to return home again in the near future.

The Salisbury Press-Spectator, the self-constituted press censor of Chariton county, ought to reprimand its contemporary, the Democrat, for indulging in the following "mud-slinging" at Salisbury. The Democrat says that its editor was requested to write an editorial on the the crossing at the corner of Fourth street, but found it impossible, as he went out to do so and nearly mired down. This is quite enough to make the Press-Spectator denounce the Democrat as a traitor to the weal of Salisbury, and only fit for treason, strategy and the inferno.

THE COURIER has not taken the time to post itself on the merits or demerits of an election for a proposed special road district in Brunswick township, which was refused by the county court at its February, 1899, adjourned term last week, but we do know that as long as the Chariton County Republican keeps up its abuse of the court, that body is not likely to favor any measure or enterprise that the Republican may espouse. The Republican has been making all manner of threats and wry faces at the court, has stabbed the county judges repeatedly with its "vitriolic pen," and hasn't any more standing with the court than a heathen Chinese or a graveyard rabbit.

The editor of the COURIER has said things in his expose of J. G. Gallemore's insane jealousy of this paper, that were, in legal parlance, "outside of the record." Every citizen of Salisbury should be held blameless for Gallemore's assinine conduct, and we crave the pardon of any of our friends in that city whose feelings we may have wounded when we spoke of Salisbury as "selfish and stuck-up." We momentarily passed judgment on Salisbury because of Gallemore's petty hatred of the COURIER, but on more mature consideration, candor and fairness compels us to admit that we should never, under any circumstances, measure the people of Salisbury by Gallemore's standard of innate littleness. After all there is more to pity than to condemn in his make-up. He is built on contracted lines and can't help it.

Mules for Sale.

I have five spans of coming four-year-old mules for sale.

B. C. SMUTZ,
Mendon, Mo.

Ho! For Bargains at the

Racket Store

Goods of all kinds at the lowest prices to make room for a large spring stock. Come in and get our prices and be convinced and you will take goods home with you.

Racket Store

Semi-Annual Statement

Of the Keytesville Building and Loan Association of Keytesville, Mo., at the close of business on February 28th, 1899:

RESOURCES.	
Cash on hand.....	\$270 35
Loans on real estate.....	23,000 00
Loans on stock.....	100 00
Dues from members, undoubtedly good.....	230 05
Real estate.....	100 10
Furniture and fixtures.....	100 10
Straight Loan.....	100 10
Total.....	\$23,630 10
LIABILITIES.	
Dues, no deduction.....	\$12,204 00
Dues in lieu of membership fees.....	23,000 00
Other deductions as per by-laws.....	100 00
Full paid stock.....	100 00
Prepaid stock.....	100 00
Bills payable.....	5,648 75
Returnable premium.....	5,648 75
Due borrowers.....	624 00
Borrowed money.....	624 00
Dues paid in advance.....	3 40
Due withdrawals.....	5,149 95
Surplus.....	5,149 95
Total.....	\$23,630 10

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss
County of Chariton, ss
I, M. B. Hunt, Secretary, and H. C. Miller, President, each on his oath, states that the above and foregoing statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, as shown by the books and accounts of said association. H. C. MILLER, President.
M. B. HUNT, Secretary.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, 1899.
W. A. CRAWLEY, Notary Public.
My commission expires Feb. 19th, 1902.

A group of railroad men at the Laclede hotel in St. Louis were discussing the vast improvements that have been made in train service in recent years. Joe Herrington, the oldest conductor, in point of service, on the M., K. & T., said that while running a train between Sedalia and Parsons some 20 years ago a passenger inquired as to why the train had stopped, being out on a prairie some miles from any settlement. Joe told him he allowed the engineer was running cows off the track. The train proceeded for some miles and again stopped. The passenger once more inquired the cause; Joe told him he guessed the engineer had caught up with those cows again.

School Election Notice.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Keytesville village school district that the annual election for said district will be held at the office of the mayor, in the city of Keytesville, Mo., on Tuesday, April 5th, 1899, from seven o'clock a. m. until six o'clock p. m. of that day. The following propositions are ordered submitted to the voters at said election:
FIRST—The election of two directors, to serve as members of the board of directors, for said school district for a term of three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified.

SECOND—The total levy of 80 cents on the \$100 valuation of the taxable property in said school district (same as last year) for the purpose of continuing the public school in said district for a term of eight months.

Done by order of the board.
G. N. ELLIOTT,
Clerk of the Board.

Notice of City Election.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a city election held in the city of Keytesville, Chariton county, Missouri, on Tuesday, the fourth day of April, 1899, at which the following officers will be elected for a term of two years and until their successors are elected and qualified:

A mayor, a marshal, and also one alderman from each ward.
The polling place in the First ward will be at the Signal office, and in the Second ward at the mayor's office.
O. P. RAY, City Clerk.

Many Thanks.

The Mendon Citizen pays us this highly appreciated and, we trust, merited, compliment:

Mr. C. P. Vandiver of the COURIER made us a pleasant visit last Friday. Always in touch with the people, and always alert and wide-awake for anything that will add to the attractiveness of his paper, Mr. Vandiver has made the COURIER one of the best, if not the best paper in the county.